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LESLIE BATES MOSS

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A Service of Commemoration

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The Organ Prelude

The Opening Sentences

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

The Invocation

O God, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance and rested in thy compassion; still to their children be thou the cloud by day, and fire by night. O thou sole source of peace and righteousness! Take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints, who trusted in thee and were not ashamed. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Hymn

No. 401 (4 verses) "Hark, hark, my soul! angelic songs are swelling" (Tune: "*Vox Angelica*").

The people will be seated for

The Scriptures with Responses

Jesse R. Wilson

The Leader: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father;

The People: **To him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever.**

LESLIE BATES MOSS

April 1, 1889 — April 2, 1949

Leslie Bates Moss was born at Minneapolis on April 1, 1889. His parents were Rev. Charles H. and Nellie Bates Moss. After attending Denison University (B.S. 1911) he went to Newton Theological School (1912-1914), and received his M.A. from Harvard University in 1915. He married Marion F. Venn on June 2, 1915. Denison honored him with a *Doctor of Divinity* degree in 1935, and Florida Southern College granted him a *Doctor of Literature* in 1942. Dr. Moss made his home at 10 Lester Place, White Plains, N. Y., and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Missionary Executive

Dr. Moss served as a missionary under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society at the University of Nanking, China, 1915-1920, and was Dean of the Junior College part of this period. He organized the New York office of China Union Universities in 1922, serving as secretary until 1924. He was then called to become secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (1924-1940) which represents more than 100 foreign mission boards in the United States and Canada.

In 1940 he became the first executive secretary of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches organized by the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches. This was expanded in 1943 into the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. This committee coordinated the overseas relief interests of twenty-six denominations and nine major relief agencies, making united plans for post war reconstruction overseas by the American churches. Merging with the Commission for World Council Service, and the Church Committee for Relief in Asia in 1946, it became a part of the organization now known as Church World Service, Inc. Dr. Moss served the new agency as Executive Associate in charge of promotion.

Special Interests

As a world churchman, traveler and speaker, Dr. Moss participated as student, teacher and leader in the development of ecumenical relations and activities of the churches. He was associated in the conduct and attendance of international Christian conferences in Belgium, England, Germany, Switzerland and India. He was a member of the Inter-Council Field Staff, the Policy Committee of the World Sunday School Association, Board of Trustees of the Shanghai American School, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Kappa.

Writings

Besides numerous articles in national church and secular publications Dr. Moss was the author of *Adventures in Missionary Cooperation* (1930), *Brushing Elbows* (1937), *The Church Builds for Tomorrow* (1939), *Who Holds the Key* (1938), *Strength for Giants* (1940), *Alert* (1941).

He served for several years as commentator on the Blue Network broadcast "This World of Ours", and on other radio programs dealing with both foreign missions and relief.

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The Leader: And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

The People: **And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.**

The Leader: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him;

The People: **For we shall see him even as he is.**

The Leader: There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ:

The People: **Till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

The Leader: And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations; baptising them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you:

The People: **And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**

The Leader: Let us now praise famous men, by whom the Lord hath wrought great glory: Men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their understanding men of learning for the people. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

The People: **Therefore will the people tell of their wisdom and the congregation will show forth their praise.**

Tributes

Wynn C. Fairfield

A. Livingston Warnshuis

The Commemorative Prayer

Herbert Welch

The Commemorative Hymn

No. 270 (3 verses) "For all the saints who from their labors rest"

The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Robbins W. Barstow

The Minister: Almighty God, our Father in heaven, Who dost hear the supplication of those who turn to Thee with earnest and sincere desire, we offer our prayers for those great concerns of Thy Kingdom which commanded the thought and absorbed the strength of our brother, Thy servant, Leslie Bates Moss. We come in gratitude for his leadership and service, and in confidence that Thou art able to perfect our efforts above all that we can ask or think, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now pray for the Christian Church, in which Dr. Moss was nurtured, and through which he labored, that it may develope a new enthusiasm for its eternal message and meaning, and become an increasing power for good in the lives of men and of nations.

Silence for Prayer

The Minister: Let us pray for his loved China, bruised and bewildered and groping for light. Let us pray for its schools annd colleges, devoted to the task of training for Christian leadership those upon whom Thou hast placed the empowering touch of Thine appointment.

Silence for Prayer

The Minister: Let us pray for the vast missionary outreach of Thy Church, for the cooperative facing of the common task of proclaiming Thy promises to all men.

Silence for Prayer

The Minister: Let us pray for the suffering multiutdes upon whom war laid its heartless and heavy burdens, for the hungry, the ill clad, the homeless whose needs became the burning passion of our loved comrade, and for whom he truly poured out in love, his very life.

Silence for Prayer

The Minister: Almighty God, Who dost commit Thine eternal purposes into the hands of frail and fleeting generations, and yet dost accomplish through us Thine infinite purposes of good, accept now in these tremendous hours, the reconsecration of our selves to the unfinished tasks left as his richest heritage by him who has now preceded us a little in our universal pilgrimage. Grant that through faith and devotion we too may witness a good confession, and do Thou hasten the time when Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. And to Thee be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Hymn of Triumphant Faith

No. 386 (5 verses) "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

The Benediction

R. J. McMullem

The Organ Postlude